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1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION CO. RECEIVED 2 **COMMISSIONERS** + 2007 SEP 25 A 10: 05 3 MIKE GLEASON, Chairman WILLIAM A. MUNDELL 4 JEFF HATCH-MILLER AZ CORP COMMISSION KRISTIN K. MAYES DOCKET CONTROL 5 **GARY PIERCE** 6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. W-01583A-04-0178 7 LAS QUINTAS SERENAS WATER CO. FOR A RATE INCREASE. 8 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. W-01583A-05-0326 LAS QUINTAS SERENAS WATER CO. FOR AUTHORITY TO INCUR LONG-TERM 10 INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSURE 11 COMPLIANCE WITH NEW ARSENIC RULES. 12 DOCKET NO. W-01583A-05-0340 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF 13 LAS OUINTAS SERENAS WATER CO. FOR AN OPINION AND ORDER TO (i) RE-OPEN THE 14 Arizona Corporation Commission RECORD IN A RECENT RATE CASE SO AS TO DOCKETED CONSIDER EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AN 15 ARSENIC COST RECOVERY MECHANISM, AND (ii) MODIFY RATE CASE DECISION IN SEP **2 5** 2007 16 ORDER TO ADD AN ARSENIC COST RECOVERY MECHANISM AS AN **DOCKETED BY** 17 AUTHORIZED RATE AND CHARGE. **PROCEDURA** 18 BY THE COMMISSION: 19 On August 22, 2007, at an Open Meeting, the Arizona Corporation Commission 20 ("Commission") voted pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-252 to re-open the above-captioned dockets and 21 Decision No. 68718 for the purpose of implementing a fire sprinkler tariff for Las Quintas Serenas 22 Water Company ("LQS" or "Company"). 23 By letter dated September 6, 2007, LQS submitted a proposed Fire Sprinkler Tariff. 24 On September 20, 2007, the Commission convened a Procedural Conference in this matter to . 25 discuss procedures and a schedule for this matter. The Company and Commission Utilities 26 Division Staff ("Staff") appeared through counsel. Also making appearances were Mr. Robert 27 Brown, on behalf of the Unity Church, a customer of LQS, and Mr. James Stahle, the Sahuarita Town 28

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Manager. The Town of Sahuarita ("Town") receives service from LQS, as well as is concerned how the lack of fire sprinkler tariff affects its citizens. Mr. Brown and Mr. Stahle requested intervention. The Company did not object.

The Town and Unity Church request expeditious approval of a tariff. In evaluating the Tariff, the Commission must analyze how it would affect the revenues of the Company and affect customers in the long-term.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the **Hearing** in this re-opened matter to implement a fire sprinkler tariff shall commence on **November 14, 2007**, at **10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's Tucson offices, 400 West Congress St., **Room 131**, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall file written **direct testimony** in support of its proposed Fire Sprinkler Tariff no later than **October 10, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Staff and intervneors** shall file their Staff Report or any comments to the Traiff and/or Company testimony by **November 5, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any **Response** to the Staff Report or intervenor comments shall be filed by noon on **November 12, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that intervention shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **November 5, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall provide public notice of the hearing in this matter, in the following type size, form and style:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE FIRE SPRINKLER TARIIFF OF LAS QUINTAS SERENAS WATER COMPANY Docket No. W-01583A-04-0178 ET AL

On August 22, 2007, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") re-opened Docket No. W-01583A-04-0178 et al. for the purpose of implementing a fire sprinkler tariff for Las Quintas Serenas Water Company ("Company"). On September 6, 2007, the Company submitted a proposed fire sprinkler tariff. The Company proposes a charge of \$10.00 for each fire sprinkler connection 6 inches or smaller and a \$15.00 charge for each fire sprinkler connection larger than 6 inches. The Company has stated that at this time, it is not proposing to alter its other rates and charges on account of its proposed fire sprinkler tariff.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation regarding the Company's proposed tariff, and the Commission will determine whether the proposed fire sprinkler tariff should be approved based on the evidence of record in this proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors and, therefore, the final tariff approved in this docket may contain different terms or charges that are either lower or higher than the proposed charges. Copies of the proposed tariff are available at the Company's offices [INSERT ADDRESS] and on the internet via the Commission website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-docket function.

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning November 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, Room 131, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona. Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing.

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Intervention shall be permitted to any person entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter. Persons desiring to intervene must file a written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than **November 5, 2007.** The motion to intervene must be sent to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record, and must contain the following:

- 1. The name, address, and telephone number of the proposed intervenor and of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made if different from the intervenor.
- 2. A short statement of the proposed intervenor's interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a shareholder of the Company, etc.).
- 3. A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, <u>failure to intervene</u> will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the tariff or from filing written comments in the record of the case. You will not receive any further notice of this proceeding unless you request it.

If you have any substantive questions about this application you may contact the Company at: [COMPANY SHOULD INSERT NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CUSTOMER CONTACTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION].

If you wish to file written comments regarding the tariff, or want further information on intervention, you may contact the Consumer Services Section of the Commission at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, or call 1-800-222-7000.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative

format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Linda Hogan, at LHogan@azcc.gov., 1 voice phone number 602/542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. 2 3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall mail to each of its customers a copy of 4 the above notice by October 19, 2007. 5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company shall file certification of mailing as soon as 6 practicable after the mailing has been completed. 7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon mailing of same, 8 notwithstanding the failure of an individual customer to read or receive the notice. 9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized 10 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's 11 Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable. 12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Brown, on behalf of the Unity Church, and the Town 13 of Sahuarita shall be granted intervention. 14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or 15 waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at 16 hearing. DATED this 24th day of September, 2007. 17 18 19 JANÉ L. RODDA 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 21 Copies of the foregoing mailed 22 this 24th day of September, 2007 to: James Stahle 23 The Town of Sahuarita Lawrence V. Robertson Jr. 725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita 24 P.O. Box 1448 PO Box 879 Sahuarita, AZ 85629 Tubac, Arizona 85646 25 Attorney for Las Quintas Serenas Water Robert Brown Company 26 Unity Church of Green Valley 17630 S. Camino de las Quintas John S. Gay 27 1241 W. Calle De La Plaz Sahuarita, AZ 85629 Sahuarita, Arizona 85629 28

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